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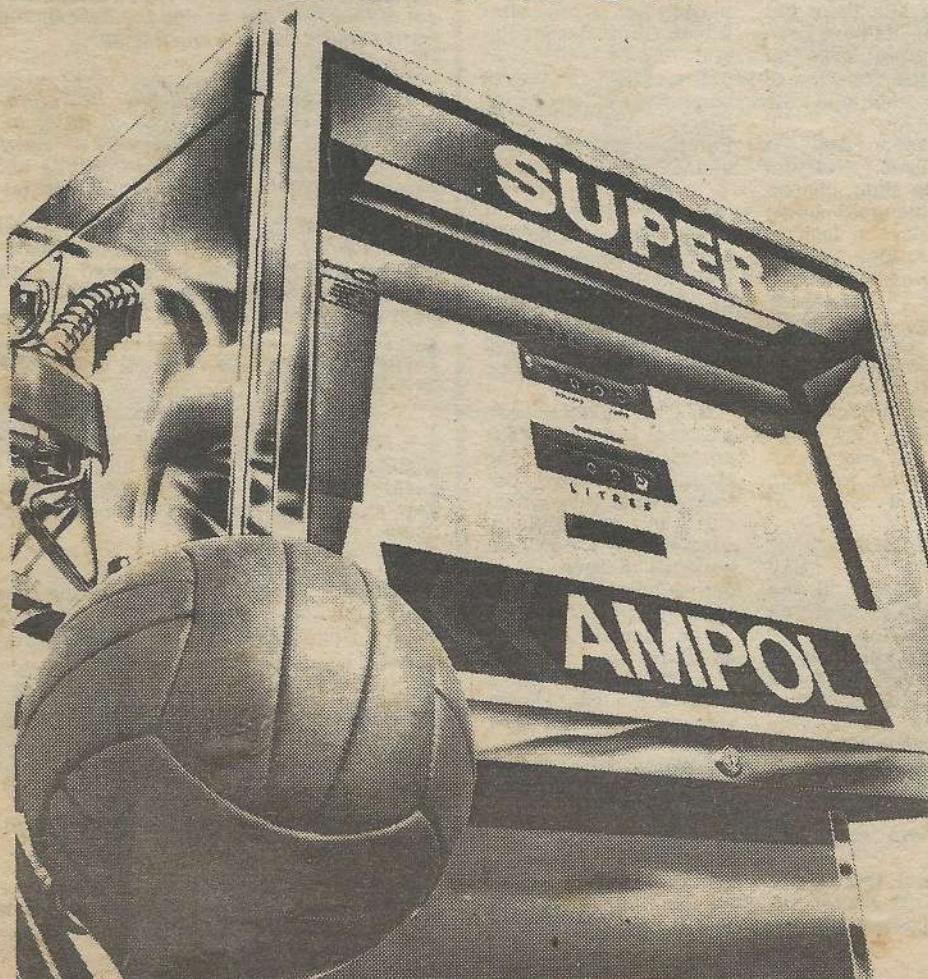
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HENDO COULD BE THIRD FRONT MAN

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Tony Henderson is the latest candidate for the position of Australia's central striker against New Zealand next month.

Coach Rudi Gutendorf is known to be toying with the idea and has consulted several close friends and associates with the suggestion.

It seems almost certain that Peter Sharne and Gary Cole will be two of Gutendorf's front runners — but the third

place appears vacant.

Ken Boden is and may remain ineligible to play for Australia because of his likely delay in naturalisation, Eddie Krncevic, Jamie Paton and Mark Jankovics are either out of form or out of favor, possibly both.

The only alternative would be John Kosmina who is rapidly regaining his old goal-touch with Sydney City.

Henderson, at his

peak arguably the best player in this country, is much more comfortable at sweeper, stopper or even in midfield than in the attack.

Meanwhile, Gutendorf's headaches have intensified.

Boden and Joe Watson were both replaced in Sunday's match by Slickers' coach Eddie Thomson — Watson only a week after being added to the Socceroo squad.



Kosmina looking at Boden on the ground — the man he could replace in the Socceroo team. Last Sunday Kosmina scored the winner and Boden was replaced in their match.

Roos' tail cut

The ASF has decided to review its ruinously expensive World Cup policy and strategy.

Secretary, Brian Le Fevre told his executive last weekend that the current World Cup campaign could cost a staggering \$1 million — well above the original estimate.

It is believed that the Socceroos' annual bill now approaches \$300,000.

And if the Socceroos fail to reach Spain in 1982, the total deficit could lead the ASF to adopt a much more isolationist policy in the future.

"We have already spent \$500,000 so far on the current World Cup campaign and can expect another \$200,000 between now and the end of the year," Le Fevre said.

"The executive has

expressed its concern at these costs and will closely consider the whole range of international commitments at home and overseas from 1982 to 1986.

"We cannot afford to enter both the World Youth championships every second year and the World Cup, and may have to either withdraw from some of these events or drastically reduce our style of preparation."

WORLD NEWS...WORLD NEWS...

THE KAISER IS READY TO RETURN TO HIS OLD THRONE

The Hamburg idol and playmaker Franz Beckenbauer will rejoin the national soccer team in the not too distant future.

Towards the end of last year, 35-year-old Beckenbauer returned to Germany from the USA in order to play in the national soccer league again.

The manager of the national side, Jupp Derwall says:

"Franz still needs a few matches against strong opponents in the national league."

"The four weeks between the games against

Albania (April 1, 1981) and Austria (April 29) can make a great difference."

It still remains open whether the other remaining star from the 1974 World Cup winning side, Paul Breitner — at present the captain of Bayern Munich — will play in the World Cup qualifying game against Austria.

At any rate, he has made it known that as far as he is concerned, he would not be opposed to playing in the national side again — for the first time since 1974.

Young talent

Milan's famous sporting daily, "La Gazzetta dello Sport" has polled the first division's 16 coaches to find the most promising youngsters of the country.

Fourteen of them voted for Paolo Benedetti, 19, from the small

Pistoese club. Those behind him on the list: 2. Pietro Vierchowod, 22 (Como), 3. Massimo Mauro, 18 (Cantanzaro), 4. Renzo Contratto, 21 (Fiorentina) and 5. Gaetano Musella, 21 (Napoli).

Rumania prepares

Rumania is making some very thorough preparations for its 1981 World Cup campaign.

On March 11 they will play a friendly against a leading East German club then will play three more friendlies: March 25 against Poland at



Franz Beckenbauer now back in Germany with Hamburg is almost certain to play in his country's World Cup matches next month.

CROWDS UP, ACT STAYS...

THEY SAID IT...

Sunday soccer is likely to become popular in England — but certain problems will have to be overcome.

Odd as it sounds in this modern age, England's Sunday Observance Act is still in force.

This, among others, forbids the selling of tickets to public entertainment.

Fourth division club Darlington which recently played the first Sunday game against Mansfield Town, cleverly sidestepped this hurdle.

Fans filing through the gates were "asked" to buy a printed match

programme — at the same price as the usual admission tickets.

Nobody complained or tried to be difficult.

In fact, the match drew a crowd of 5,932 — about three times bigger than the average of the last two seasons.

Twenty minutes after kick-off there was still a long line of fans trying to get in — people not used to such crowds at the Darlington ground.

"We'll have to build new turnstiles soon," said David Thorne, Darlington's secretary delightedly.

Meanwhile, nobody even considers changing the Act. Tradition...

Gyula Grosics, former Hungarian goalkeeping star, now president of a small Budapest club, Volan: "The trouble with the Hungarian game is that we have too few people who live for soccer and too many who live from it."

Inter Milan's Austrian star Herbert Prohaska, 26: "I want to spend four more years in Italy, then return to Vienna when my daughter has to enter school."

EURO-CUPS THIS WEEK

The quarter-final ties of the European Cup, the continent's prize for the champion clubs, might give the game in the Old World a great boost.

Four clubs from the West and four others from behind the East Bloc clash in an indirect 'battle' for supremacy.

Now that Nottingham Forest have been eliminated, the question raised by millions of fans is — which team will succeed the Foresters as "Kings of Europe?"

The eight survivors of the world's toughest soccer club competition are Liverpool of England, Bayern Munich of West Germany, Real Madrid of Spain, Internazionale of Italy, Spartak Moscow of the Soviet Union, CSKA of Bulgaria, Red Star of Yugoslavia and Banik Ostrava of Czechoslovakia.

Were the English champions still in the irresistible mood of some months back, they would probably have been made hot favourites to carry off the title, which will be decided in the French capital Paris, the last Wednesday of May.

But Liverpool today are not the "old" Liver-

pool at all. Many of the stars are still there but recent results have been disappointing even at Anfield, the Waterloo of many an ambitious side earlier.

One reason why the Liverpudians cannot reproduce their characteristic standard could be the players' lack of real motivation.

Having won everything that club soccer offers, how can men like Dalglish, Clemence and others maintain the spirit of their earlier years week in week out?

Maybe an 'off year', meaning no winning of cups and titles, would do Liverpool a world of good.

Against CSKA Sofia, conquerors of Nottingham Forest in the first round, it will not be easy for the Kop.

English international Trevor Francis told me recently that "these Bulgarians are a very tough and fine side."

Indeed, CSKA have played four matches so far in the European Cup — and have won them all.

The most technically attractive tie should be Inter versus Red Star.

The Italians are playing better now after a lean Christmas period and with Austrian schemer Prohaska beginning to score as well, the former European champions — still experts in defence — are a force to be reckoned with.

Red Star, who have a brilliant striker in dribbler Petrovic, will be hard to contain in their own stadium in Belgrade but a more-than-one goal defeat in Milan could be fatal.

Spartak Moscow have a hard nut to crack against Real Madrid. The Madrilenos are not having what they would call an extraordinary season but their experience in such 'do or die' matches should see them through.

The last tie features ambitious Bayern Munich and Banik Ostrava, the least known side among the last eight teams.

Bayern's most gifted man is striker Rummenigge, recently elected Europe's best footballer.

— Philip Micallef

BRIEFLY...

• AEK's Greek star Christos Ardizoglou received a heavy fine for having entertained two (1) ladies in his room before the International against Luxembourg. (Maybe one would have been allowed?)

• Paul Breitner has been asked to "explain" his remarks to a referee after a match. He said: "With you, it's always the same. You cost us a point again."

• The dismissed Hamburg coach, Branko Zebec, now back in his home town of Zagreb, is hopeful of returning to Germany where three clubs are seeking his services — alcoholism or not.

• The American club Minnesota have signed the Argentinian defender, Ruben Pagnanini, 30.

• Frankfurt's veteran International Bernd Holzenbein will join Gerd Mueller with the Fort Lauderdale Strikers — at an annual salary of \$125,000.

• Stoke's midfielder Denis Smith, after more than 400 games with the club, had to quit because of injuries.

• Spanish first division club Murcia have signed Brazilian midfielder-winger Gil, 30, with 44 internationals behind him, on a yearly salary of \$60,000.

• One of the greatest names in Argentine soccer, Angel Labruna, 62, has signed a new contract with River Plate, at \$90,000 a year. Under Labruna River ("La Plata") have won six metropolitan titles in the last six years.

• Third division Chesterfield has had to turn down a request from Walsall to switch its March 28, Saturday game to the Sunday because two of the first team squad objected on religious grounds. The club secretary said they had a conscience clause in their contract.

• English third division leader Charlton Athletic is to sell 10-year season tickets. One thousand tickets will be offered at \$600 each, making the price of 21 home matches next year a mere \$3.50.

• The Panathinaikos stadium, where Australia played Greece last November, has been declared unfit for internationals by FIFA following the Greece v Italy World Cup game. (Those who remember seeing the Australian match on TV will heartily concur with the decision.)

• "Great" tour by the Hungarian club Ujpest in Havana: they finished fourth in a tournament — out of four teams — behind the East German Vorwärts and the Cuban A and B teams...

• Bayern München will play its future home games on Friday evening — in order to avoid being part of the usual Saturday nationwide TV hook-up as the club has been getting about 25 percent only of the usual "entertainment fee."

• Johan Cruyff changed his mind three times in the last fortnight...first he wanted to join Ajax, then considered an offer from Leicester, finally from the Spanish Levante. The latest is that he won't come out of retirement but will be technical director of the Dutch national team. Unless, of course...

• Brazil beat Bolivia 1-0 in a World Cup elimination match in La Paz and, having earlier beaten Venezuela in Caracas, are now in the box seat to win their group and reach the finals in Spain.

• South American Youth Championship results: Bolivia v Paraguay 2-1, Ecuador v Colombia 3-1. Bolivia lead with three points from two games.

• Soccer is only in third place on English TV with 215 hours in 1980, behind cricket (369) and racing (290).

• Scotland, with a goal by Ken Dalglish, beat Israel 1-0 in a World Cup match in Tel Aviv.

• Bolivia beat Venezuela 3-0 in a World Cup match in La Paz.

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CROWDED TOP MAY START THINNING OUT

All five leaders will be playing away from home on the weekend and this could lead to some reshuffle at the top by Sunday night.

Down near the bottom, teams will hope to get out of the scramble.

The outlooks:

WEST ADELAIDE

NEWCASTLE

Although far more composed than in their disastrous 1980 season, Westad are still rather fragile up front with Manecas Piouetting bewitchingly but nobody, apart from Bozanic, having a shot at goal.

Newcastle's momentum came to a sudden and probably temporary halt last week when they were contained by a

defensive Blacktown. Sumner, through illness, will be badly missed from the midfield denying the suspect attack much needed support.

Our tip: 1-1.

BLACKTOWN

LEICHARDT

This will be a local derby of sorts, with both badly needing a point or two to crawl away from the bottom.

Blacktown certainly know how to defend even if they find goals hard to come by.

Leichhardt coach Willie Wallace may decide on further shake-ups in his ailing team and must pray that Pirie one day finds his old goal touch.

Our tip: 0-0.

LIONS
WOLLONGONG

It will be interesting to see whether the Lions can tame the roaring Wolves making their second interstate trip.

Lions have had some non-descript matches lately and they'll need to improve to keep the visitors in check.

Wollongong are composed, enthusiastic and quite capable of adding yet another scalp to their brand new belt.

Our tip: Wollongong 2-1.

FOOTSCRAY
SOUTH MELBOURNE

The South Melbourne revival, started last year, is continuing uninterrupted.

Meanwhile, Footscray's traditional weaknesses still plague this talented team.

In every department South Melbourne look stronger and should add the points to their tally.

Our tip: South Melbourne 3-1.

HEIDELBERG

PRESTON

Whatever happened to the once mighty Bergers, the envy of soccer purists and probably the only "method team" in the PSL?

They have certainly fallen on lean times — but cannot be dismissed as they have far too many excellent players.

Preston won't be easy opponents, having tested sweet success last week and could go very close again to snatching a point.

Our tip: Heidelberg 2-1.

MARCONI

BRISBANE CITY

If coach Blanco finds the right solution to his dilemma — what to do with the two players returning from suspension, Muir and Prskalo — Marconi should keep climbing up the table.

Personally, we feel that he will leave his team unchanged from last week's and hope that the current combination will begin to produce the goods.

Brisbane City will certainly count on breakaways but would be lucky to get close to a point.

Our tip: Marconi 2-0.

OLYMPIC
ADELAIDE CITY

A few more defeats and Olympic can start planning their uncomfortable return to the State League.

Our tip: South

SYDNEY CITY

CANBERRA

SYDNEY CITY

This could be an entertaining match for the purists provided the two sets of strikers shake off their lethargy.

Canberra's celebrated front runners all seem to be out of touch while the Slickers' problem is a dull midfield.

Canberra seldom play well at home while the Slickers love their away trips so this could tip the balance in favor of the Sydney side.

Our tip: Sydney City 1-0.

ROYAL ILL



West Adelaide's colored Portuguese striker Manecas being tackled by Sydney City's defender Ian Bruce in last Sunday's clash.



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									W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 WOLLONGONG	3	3	—	—	8	2	+6	6	2	2	—	—	5	2	4	1	1	—	3	2
2 NEWCASTLE	3	2	1	—	5	1	+4	5	2	1	1	—	4	1	3	1	1	—	1	2
3 STH.MELBOURNE	3	2	1	—	5	3	+2	5	2	2	—	—	3	1	4	1	1	—	2	1
4 SYDNEY CITY	3	2	1	—	3	1	+2	5	2	1	1	—	2	1	3	1	1	—	1	2
5 BRISBANE CITY	3	1	2	—	3	2	+1	4	2	1	1	—	2	1	3	1	1	—	1	1
6 CANBERRA	3	1	2	—	1	—	+1	4	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	2	1	1	—	3
7 MARCONI	3	2	—	1	2	1	+1	4	1	1	—	—	1	—	2	2	1	—	1	1
8 PRESTON	3	1	—	2	3	3	—	2	2	1	—	1	3	2	2	1	—	1	—	1
9 WEST ADELAIDE	3	1	—	2	3	3	—	2	1	1	—	1	2	2	2	2	—	2	1	3
10 LEICHARDT	3	—	2	1	3	4	-1	2	2	—	2	—	2	2	2	1	—	1	1	2
11 LIONS	3	—	2	1	2	3	-1	2	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	2	—	2	2	2
12 BLACKTOWN	3	—	2	1	3	5	-2	2	1	—	1	—	2	2	1	2	—	1	1	3
13 FOOTSCRAY	3	1	—	2	3	6	-3	2	1	1	—	—	2	1	2	2	—	2	1	5
14 ADELAIDE CITY	3	—	1	2	—	2	-2	1	2	—	2	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	1	1
15 HEIDELBERG	3	—	1	2	3	7	-4	1	1	—	1	—	3	—	2	—	1	1	3	4
16 OLYMPIC	3	—	1	2	4	8	-4	1	1	—	1	—	2	2	1	2	—	2	2	6

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TEAM OF ROUND 3

WILSON
(Canberra)

ONTONG
(Lions)

HENDERSON
(Marconi)

DUNLEAVY
(Wollongong)

McMILLAN
(Heidelberg)

BYRNE
(Marconi)

ROGERS
(Sth.Melbourne)

SELVAGE
(Blacktown)

CULLEN
(Preston)

MITCHELL
(Ad.City)

BULJEVIC
(Sth.Melbourne)

Westad getting there

West Adelaide coach Bill Birch hails from Lancashire, England. He played for three years with West Bromwich Albion, then with Crystal Palace in London another three. He came out to Australia because of his disappointment over not being a "success". He arrived as a landscaping contractor, then began part-time coaching and his present job is the first fulltime position he has held with a team. We spoke to him after Sunday's match against Sydney City.

—Did you have any specific match plan?
—Yes, we decided to mark Boden and Watson closely; it must have worked well because they were both replaced in the second half.

—In the first half, you seemed to play a defensive 4-4-2 with only Norris and Manecas up front, then you changed it to 4-3-3 later; why?

—I think systems are most exaggerated. It's true that we had two men up front but their support from the back was very, very good. In fact, I think we attacked more than Sydney City.

—Did you come for a point only?

—No, we would have loved two points and finished up with nothing, so naturally I'm very disappointed.

—How much of your pre-match plans were accomplished?

—Virtually 99 percent — the missing link was at least one goal. But we had chances and even controlled the game for some periods.

—On the whole, how many chances do you think a PSL team needs to score a goal?

—Very difficult question, it depends

defender, the other one a striker. Both have signed contracts and they're waiting for their passage.

—What about David Pillans?

—He came with us to Sydney as a reserve. He didn't play at all last season, lost his enthusiasm. But now he's a different person, he is keen to get back into the game, has been training extremely hard for the last five weeks and I expect he'll make the team this week or next.

—And that other great veteran, Barry Reynolds?

—He played in a local game last week but has suffered a minor groin injury. I think both he and Con Kambas will be back in the fold very soon. Not many teams will beat us

easily in 1981.

—What about your opponents, Sydney City?

—They have some excellent players. Obviously, they have some problems, slotting in four new men. You can't just snap your fingers and everything falls into place. They've got a very good set-up — I reckon they are the team to beat for the title.

—What about their two 'new players' from Adelaide?

—I know Muniz won't like this but I don't think he was a good signing for them. I think there are several better midfielders than him for \$16,000. Kosmina we know well; he'll get them goals if he receives the service. It was his header that beat us today, too...

Game for Sydney

The first home World Cup qualifying match in Australia will now be played in Sydney instead of Melbourne.

Australia had originally been scheduled to meet New Zealand in Melbourne on May 16 but the game will now be held on the same date at Sydney Sports Ground.

The change was mainly due to television commitments to New Zealand.

These commitments have also affected the remaining home matches against Indonesia, Fiji and Taiwan.

Melbourne will now get the Indonesia match on Wednesday May 20 at Olympic Park under lights, while Adelaide and Brisbane are confirmed for the night matches against Fiji and Taiwan.

med for the night matches against Fiji and Taiwan.

A final decision on the Brisbane venue will be made as soon as the television requirements are known.

The ASF executive decided that members of the national team would be able to play for their PSL clubs up to and including the weekend before they leave for the first game against New Zealand in Auckland on Anzac Day.

Four-day camps will be held from April 6-9 and 13-16 before the team leaves on April 20.

No overseas teams will be permitted to tour Australia during the remainder of this year either on a national or State basis.

THIS WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

• Young Wollongong striker Glen Fontana, a schoolteacher, is actually a nephew of one of the Marconi vice presidents. The Australian-born boy came on as a replacement for Brian Turner in the second half.

closure of former Newcastle youth player Dino Milosevic. Milosevic, who lives within a stone's throw of the International Sports Centre, was thrown into the striker's role along with promising Branko Culina.

almost all his great saves were made from tries by the one man."

• George Murray, Canberra: "We were a bit unlucky not to get a lead in the first half but they really came at us in the second period and with the boys forced to defend well, I suppose we should be happy with a point. Wilson was magnificent."

• Kiwi international Glenn Dods of Adelaide City could be out of action for several weeks after suffering a knee injury last Sunday against Marconi.

• Adelaide Giants coach Bob D'Ottavi: "Johnny Perin's send off against Marconi was a harsh decision. We get nothing from local referees, yet when we played in Canberra last week a Canberra City player knocked the referee's card from his hand while he was being cautioned, but was not sent off," D'Ottavi said.

• Tommy Docherty's main worry is his Olympic defence. The back four has been chopped and changed for three weeks' running and eight goals against in three matches is not much of a record. But defensive problems is not where it ends. "I've got problems everywhere," he said.

• Brian Edgely, Preston: "A coach is never impressed when his side loses. We deserved to win because we created more openings than them and the only reason they crept back was because our midfield relaxed too much. We needed that first win. I'm sure we'll go on from here."

• Willie Wallace, Leichhardt coach: "I was disappointed with the result, but not so displeased with the general play. We created enough chances and I definitely thought we looked better."

• Lions' Matt Carson: "We looked stronger, but neither side provided much in the way of entertainment. I think we could have applied a bit more pressure on their defence, but then one can't really complain about an away point."

• West Adelaide coach Billy Birch: "I feel we could have won this game easily. Crook played well but shouldn't have allowed Kosmina to head the ball before the goal."

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	ADELAIDE GIANTS	ADELAIDE HAWKS	BLACKTOWN DEMONS	BRISBANE GLADIATORS	BRISBANE LIONS	CANBERRA ARROWS	FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	LEICHARDT STRIKERS	MARCONI LEOPARDS	MELBOURNE GUNNERS	NEWCASTLE KB	PRESTON RAMS	SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	SYDNEY SLICKERS	WOLLONGONG WOLVES
ADELAIDE GIANTS	*									0-1				0-1		
ADELAIDE HAWKS		*	2-0													
BLACKTOWN DEMONS			*		2-2											
BRISBANE GLADIATORS	2-1		*		0-0											
BRISBANE LIONS					*						0-1					
CANBERRA ARROWS	0-0					*										
FOOTSCRAY EAGLES							*		2-1							
HEIDELBERG WARRIORS								*						0-3		
LEICHARDT STRIKERS					0-0			2-2	*							
MARCONI LEOPARDS										*				1-0		
MELBOURNE GUNNERS										2-1	1-0	*				
NEWCASTLE KB			1-1				3-0					*				
PRESTON RAMS						0-1							*	3-1		
SYDNEY OLYMPIANS											2-2		*			
SYDNEY SLICKERS		1-0	1-1												*	
WOLLONGONG WOLVES							2-1						3-1	*		

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WEEKEND GUIDE TO

PHILIPS LEAGUE



Scanlan

BRISBANE LIONS

Likely squad: 1. Scanlan, 2. Ontong, 3. Niven, 4. Lindsay, 5. Bennett, 6. Hermiston, 7. Hogg, 8. McLean, 9. Ferris, 10. Millman, 11. McNaughton, 12. McGregor, 14. Ogden, 17. Wright, 20. Lowndes. Coach: M. Carson.

Sunday, 3pm,
Richlands

Next match: South Melbourne v Brisbane Lions

V WOLLONGONG WOLVES

Likely squad: 1. Preston, 2. Willis, 3. Dickinson, 4. Dunleavy, 5. Ainsworth, 6. Adam, 7. Smith, 8. Fleming, 9. Campbell, 10. Lathan, 11. Morlando, 12. Vliestra, 13. McBreen, 14. Turner, 15. De Graaf, 16. Tredinnick, 17. Harrison. Coach: K. Morton.

REFEREE: J. Woods

Linesmen: C. Amos,

G. Nicholson

Next match: Wollongong v Blacktown



Campbell



Pointer

BLACKTOWN DEMONS

Likely squad: 1. James, 2. Wheatley, 3. Pollard, 4. Milovanovic, 5. Pointer, 6. Selvage, 7. Djordjevic, 8. Hormazabal, 9. Culina, 10. O'Donnell, 11. Manning, 12. Quarby, 13. Cuk, 15. Wallace, 20. Freeman. Coach: R. Basic.

Sunday, 3pm,
Gabbie Stadium

Next match: Wollongong v Blacktown

V LEICHHARDT STRIKERS

PAST RESULTS:
1980: Blacktown
Leichhardt 0-0

L. LEICHHARDT STRIKERS

Likely squad: 1. Woodhouse, 2. McAusland, 3. Skellern, 4. Pullen, 5. Wilson, 6. Coyne, 8. Harding, 9. Pirie, 10. Leyden, 11. O'Connor, 12. McKie, 13. Kafka, 14. Bradley, 15. Bottalico, 22. Casacchia, 23. Brown, 16. Parks. Coach: W. Wallace.

REFEREE: K. Small

Linesmen: B. Fowler,

P. Haffey

Next Match: Leichhardt v Newcastle



O'Connor



Katholos

SYDNEY OLYMPIANS

Likely squad: 1. Meier, 2. Moulis, 3. Cross, 4. Wilson, 5. Rowden, 6. Katholos, 7. Housseini, 8. Cork, 9. Gavin, 10. Scott, 11. Jennings, 12. Ankudinoff, 14. Koussas, 15. Ziras, 16. Jamieson, 18. Laing, 20. Wilson. Coach: T. Docherty.

Sunday, 3pm,
Barton Stadium

Next match: Brisbane City v Olympic

V.

ADELAIDE GIANTS

PAST RESULTS:
1977: Olympic v Adelaide
City 3-1
1978: Olympic v Adelaide
City 2-1
1979: Olympic v Adelaide
City 1-2

Likely squad: 1. Marshall, 2. Russell, 3. B. Nyskohus, 4. Besir, 5. Jones, 6. Dods, 8. Perin, 9. Marocchi, 10. J. Nyskohus, 11. Mitchell, 12. Northcote, 13. Melta, 16. Villani, 17. Signore, 22. Peressin. Coach: B. D'Ottavi.

REFEREE: P. Rampley

Linesmen: G. Power,

T. Williams

Next match: Adelaide City v Heidelberg



Mitchell



Picioane

FOOTSCRAY EAGLES

Likely squad: 1. Boland, 2. Hazabent, 3. Petrou, 4. Kyriakouleas, 5. Kondarios, 6. Jovanovic, 7. Simic, 8. Ilioski, 9. Picioane, 10. Vasic, 13. Petrou, 14. Belic, 16. O'Reilly, 17. Cozzella, 18. Milne. Coach: C. Cerkovic.

Sunday, 3pm,
Schintler Reserve

Next match: Preston v Footscray

V.

MELBOURNE GUNNERS

PAST RESULTS:
1977: Footscray v Sth. Melbourne 2-2
1978: Footscray v Sth. Melbourne 0-2
1979: Footscray v Sth. Melbourne 0-2
1980: Footscray v Sth. Melbourne 3-0

Likely squad: 1. Laumets, 2. V. Bannon, 3. Davidson, 4. Lutton, 5. Xanthopoulos, 6. Rogers, 7. Wright, 8. Christopoulos, 9. Cummings, 10. Evans, 11. Buljevic, 12. Kalafatidis, 14. Campbell, 15. Stevenson, 16. Shirra, 19. Blair, 20. Tsigaras. Coach: H. Margaritis.

REFEREE: D. Yelland,

Linesmen: D. Fokianos, J. Brennan

Next match: South Melbourne v Brisbane Lions



Buljevic



Stark

CANBERRA ARROWS

Likely squad: 1. Wilson, 3. Stark, 4. Farrell, 5. Williams, 6. Byrne, 7. McLaren, 8. Cole, 9. Giampaolo, 10. Valeri, 11. Brennan, 13. Brown, 15. M. O'Shea, 16. J. O'Shea, 17. R. O'Shea, 15. Hoszowski. Coach: G. Murray.

Saturday, 4pm,
Bruce Stadium

Next match: Canberra v West Adelaide

V.

SYDNEY SLICKERS

PAST RESULTS:
1977: Canberra v Sydney
City 0-0
1978: Canberra v Sydney
City 1-2
1979: Canberra v Sydney
City 1-3
1980: Canberra v Sydney
City 2-3

Likely squad: 1. Clarke, 3. Spanos, 4. O'Connor, 5. Bruce, 6. Murray, 7. Watson, 8. Barnes, 9. Boden, 10. Kosmina, 12. Cant, 15. Muniz, 18. Souness, 19. Trenter, 20. Pezzano. Coach: E. Thomson.

REFEREE: K. Allan

Linesmen: V. Celestino,

P. Murphy

Next match: Sydney City v Marconi



Watson



McGregor

ADELAIDE HAWKS

Likely squad: 1. Crook, 2. Tymczyszyn, 3. Pillans, 4. McGachey, 5. Topaz, 6. Bozanic, 7. Boyle, 8. Manecas, 10. Honeyman, 11. McGregor, 12. Forde, 13. Haig, 14. Flounders, 21. Hughes, 20. Miller, 25. Lopez. Coach: B. Birch.

Sunday, 2.30pm,
Hindmarsh

Next match: Canberra v West Adelaide

V.

NEWCASTLE KB

PAST RESULTS:
1978: West Adelaide v Newcastle 1-0
1979: West Adelaide v Newcastle 1-1
1980: West Adelaide v Newcastle 1-1

Likely squad: 1. Dando, 2. Reaney, 4. Senkalski, 5. Bertogna, 6. Drinkwater, 7. Sumner, 8. Mountford, 9. Jones, 10. Heys, 11. Buckley, 12. Mason, 13. Burrows, 15. Curran, 17. McClelland, 20. Gosling. Coach: A. Vest.

REFEREE: R. Kerr,

Linesmen: G. Neal,

P. Smallman

Next match: Leichhardt v Newcastle



Bertogna



Byrne

MARCONI LEOPARDS

Likely squad: 1. Maher, 2. Brogan, 4. Henderson, 5. Prskalo, 6. Byrne, 7. Raskopoulos, 9. Krnecic, 10. Mariani, 11. Sharne, 13. Muir, 16. Tomasich, 17. Coluso, 20. Corry. Coach: R. Blanco.

Sunday, 3pm,
Marconi Stadium

Next match: Sydney City v Marconi

V.

BRISBANE GLADIATORS

PAST RESULTS:
1977: Marconi v Brisbane
City 1-0
1978: Marconi v Brisbane
City 3-2
1979: Marconi v Brisbane
City 3-3
1980: Marconi v Brisbane
City 4-0

Likely squad: 1. Wishart, 2. Dunne, 3. Ratcliffe, 4. Tokesi, 5. Perry, 6. Gaffney, 7. Palinkas, 8. Pimblett, 9. Conner, 10. Low, 11. Caldwell, 14. Hamilton, 15. P. Wilkinson, 16. McVeigh, 17. B. Wilkinson, 20. Coe. Coach: G. Potter.

REFEREE: A. Boskovic

Linesmen: R. Barton,

A. Owen.

Next match: Brisbane City v Olympic



Wishart



McMillan

HEIDELBERG WARRIORS

Likely squad: 1. Olver, 2. McMillan, 3. Tansey, 4. Yzendoorn, 5. P. Bannon, 6. Selemidis, 7. Rooney, 8. Campbell, 9. Paton, 11. Bozikas, 12. Yankos, 14. Provan, 15. Taylor, 16. Cole, 17. Williams, 20. Reilly. Coach: M. Poulakakis.

Saturday, 7.30pm
Olympic Park

Next match: Adelaide City v Heidelberg

V.

PRESTON RAMS

Likely squad: 1. Preston, 2. Willis, 4. Dunleavy, 5. Ainsworth, 6. Adam, 7. Smith, 8. Fleming, 9. Campbell, 10. Lathan, 11. Morlando, 12. Vliestra, 13. McBreen, 14. Turner, 15. De Graaf, 16. Tredinnick, 17. Harrison, 18. Morton, 19. Fontana. Coach: K. Morton.

REFEREE: D. Voutsinas

Linesmen: J. Fearn,

M. Momont

Next match: Preston v Footscray



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SCOREBOARD

WOLLONGONG v FOOTSCRAY 2-1 (0-0)

Wollongong (4-4-2)

	Preston (3)	Dunleavy (5)	Morlando (3)
Fleming (3)	De Graaf (4)	Tredinnick (4)	Lathan (3)
Adam (2)	McBreen (3)	Turner (3)	
Campbell (3)			
Vasic (2)	Simic (3)	Belic (3)	
Ilioski (4)	Picioane (4)	Jovanovic (3)	
Petrov (4)	Kyriakouleas (4)	Kondarios (3)	Milne (3)
	Boland (3)		

Footscray (4-3-3)

Replacements: Hazabent (46m) for Belic, Cozzella (61m) for Vasic, Fontana (72m) for Turner.
Goals: 1-0 Tredinnick (71m), 1-1 Cozzella (78m), 2-1 Dunleavy (85m).
Referee: T. Davies — Crowd: 5,317

Wollongong made it three out of three, keeping them at the top of the table, much to the delight of their supporters.

To say that the Wolves got out of jail would be an unfair comment, yet Footscray could have easily returned to Melbourne with a point.

The Footscray midfield, led intelligently by Joe Picioane, subdued their Wollongong counterparts for long periods but some woeful finishing by their strikers cost them the possibility of a draw.

Wollongong captain Chris Dunleavy was the outstanding performer, capping a great day five minutes from time when he smashed home the winner from the edge of a crowded penalty area.

BELOW BEST

Zealand striker precious little room.

Cozzella, a late replacement, got the equaliser from a Milne cross and a draw seemed certain until Dunleavy ghosted into the box to clinch the winner.

Footscray may well continue to play attractive football in midfield but have to get some punch up front or find wins few and far between.

The Wolves played slightly below their best but still gave 100 percent in effort.

With that and the loyal support of their fans, there is no reason why

results shouldn't keep running their way.

Meanwhile, club officials hope that sooner or later the crowds will begin to flock to the Showground matches in even greater numbers.

After all, the Wolves are the first clear-cut, sole leaders in the PSL.

Brian Turner left the field, to be replaced by Fontana as he still felt the effects of the 16 stints in his head from the previous week.

But he would be OK for next week, gradually working up a great partnership with his Kiwi colleague, Clive Campbell.

— Paul Posetti

SOUTH MELBOURNE v HEIDELBERG 2-1 (1-0)

South Melbourne (4-3-3)

	Laumets (4)	Blair (3)	Davidson (3)
V. Bannon (4)	Xanthopoulos (4)	Rogers (5)	Shirra (4)
Stevenson (3)		Christopoulos (4)	Buljevic (4)
Evans (4)			
Paton (3)	Cole (3)	Bozikas (3)	
Rooney (3)	J. Campbell (3)	Selemidis (3)	
McMillan (5)	P. Bannon (4)	Yzendoorn (3)	Yankos (3)
	Olver (4)		

Heidelberg (4-3-3)

Replacements: Provan (80m) for Yankos.
Goals: 1-0 Buljevic (14m), 1-1 Paton (53m), 2-1 Xanthopoulos (82m).
Referee: J. Johnson — Crowd: 10,000 — Caution: Shirra.

The tension between these two Melbourne Greek clubs must be seen to be believed whenever they meet, and as the years roll by the rivalry becomes more fanatical.

The standard in skill was tremendous with South defending like tigers to block Paton and then Bozikas during the first 10 minutes.

The Bozikas effort showed lots of courage on his part, but I feel that better teamwork could have had a more successful result.

South were moving well with Billy Rogers doing terrific strategic work in every foray.

Then it happened.

In a bruising affair Blacktown Demons gathered a morale-boosting point after Newcastle had squandered several chances through over-anxiety in the penalty box.

Yet it was an encounter in which Blacktown might have "stolen" both points with two fine long range efforts from Brian O'Donnell skimming just over the crossbar.

It was evident from the kickoff that Newcastle's playmaker Joe Senkalski was to be marked out of the game by the disciplined Stuart Selvage.

This ploy successfully blunted Newcastle's effectiveness particularly

Rogers had pushed the left wing up to pressure Selemidis and Yankos, and Evans lobbed a high ball to his right with Buljevic, the magic header opening the South account.

This was the signal for some exciting play, when Arthur Xanthopoulos put Alun Evans through but he missed the easiest of siters.

The first 30 minutes saw Heidelberg fighting back with South having a guardian angel on their side with the ball bobbing about in the

goalmouth for about a minute without luck.

This was Rogers' time when South were being going forward and pushing Heidelberg out of the game right up to halftime.

South had shown to be the better side and deserved their halftime lead.

Heidelberg looked more formidable in the first eight minutes, and justice was done in squaring the game from a Selemidis corner, with a clever Paton goal.

Xanthopoulos was advancing through the

middle at the 55th minute, and shot with Olver beaten only to see Yzendoorn clear for a corner.

Xanthopoulos was on the spot when an Evans whizz-bang was saved to hammer the loose ball home for the eventual winner.

With four minutes left for play Evans and Provan were involved in a scuffle, and having Tasmanian referee Johnson on hand he used the height of diplomacy with that pound of common-sense.

— Jock Stephen

TOP CLASH

crossbar to equalise in first half injury time.

The woodwork came to the rescue of both sides during the game.

A header by Steve Pointer smashed against the upright in the 28th minute, while Buckley made a great effort to reach a Heys cross but again the post proved the stumbling block.

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Blacktown, as expected, lined up with a tight 4-4-2, keen to thwart the goal-hungry Novocastrians.

— Myles Hay

NEWCASTLE v BLACKTOWN 1-1 (1-1)

Newcastle KB Raiders (4-3-3)

	Dando (3)	Drinkwater (4)	Curran (3)
Reaney (4)	Bertogna (3)	Mason (3)	Buckley (3)
Senkalski (3)		Mountford (3)	McClelland (3)
Heys (3)			
Culina (4)	Milosevic (3)		
Selvage (4)	O'Donnell (3)	Hormazabal (2)	Wheatley (3)
Pollard (3)	Milovanic (3)	Djordjevic (4)	Pointer (4)
	James (4)		

Blacktown Demons (4-2)

Replacements: Ortega (73m) for Milosevic, Jones (78m) for McClelland.
Goals: 0-1 Selvage (41m), 1-1 Drinkwater (45m).
Referee: C. Bambridge (Vic.) — Crowd: 6,343 — Cautions: Hormazabal, Djordjevic, Milovanic, Pollard, Culina.

with N.Z. skipper Steve Sumner out of action with stomach muscle trouble.

Blacktown have a strong no-nonsense defence and former Yugoslav first grade player Jovan Djordjevic had a deep lying role to curb twin strikers Bob Mountford and Malcolm McClelland.

Victorian referee Chris Bambridge issued no fewer than five yellow cards — all to Blacktown players, the first after only five minutes to Ricky Hormazabal for failing to retreat the required distance at a freekick.

Yet the game was played in a highly competitive spirit, one enjoyed by most of the players but lacking sufficient spectacular action for the fine crowd of 6,343.

Selvage, Blacktown's

most enterprising player

put his side ahead four

minutes before halftime,

outfoxing Newcastle's

right defence, following

fine work by O'Donnell

and Culina.

But Blacktown's moment of glory was quickly snuffed out

when skipper Roy

Drinkwater fastened on

to a rebound from the

DEFENSIVE

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ADELAIDE CITY v MARCONI 0-1 (0-0)

Adelaide Giants (4-4-2)

	Marshall (3)	Perin (1)	B. Nyskohus (4)
Russell (5)	Jones (4)	Melta (3)	Villani (3)
Dods (3)	Marocchi (4)		
Mitchell (4)		J. Nyskohus (3)	
Jankovics (3)	Krncevic (4)	Sharne (3)	
Raskopoulos (4)	Byrne (5)	Colusso (3)	
Tomasich (4)	Mariani (3)	Henderson (5)	Brogan (4)
	Maher (4)		

Marconi Leopards (4-3-3)

Replacements: Northcote (58m) for Villani, Buch (64m) for Dods.
Goal: 0-1 Jankovics (63m).
Referee: D. Campbell — Crowd: 2,200 — Sent off: Perin — Cautions: Henderson, Mariani, Byrne.

The Marconi Leopards changed their spots to take the points from the Adelaide Giants in this rain-lashed fixture.

Accused of trying to do everything at top speed in earlier games Marconi this time slowed the tempo to dictate terms.

Their task was simplified, however, from the 23rd minute when the Giants were dwarfed in numbers following the send off of former Giants skipper Johnny Perin for dissent.

Referee Donald Campbell produced the red card when Perin refused to graciously accept a caution given for a foul on Socceroo winger Peter Sharne.

Sharne cartwheeled in dramatic fashion from Perin's "charge", which

really was little more than an obstruction.

But, if Sharne deserved an "Oscar" for his performance, then Perin must stand accused of over-acting for his petulant display which ruined any chance the Giants had of winning.

Until the incident the Giants had more than shared in the exchanges even though Marconi had first use of the swirling wind.

When reduced to 10 men the Giants had no option but to defend grimly until halftime and hope to be able to take advantage of the wind in the second term.

That plan backfired in the 63rd minute when

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LEICHHARDT v BRISBANE LIONS 0-0

Leichhardt (4-3-3)

Skellern (4)	Pullen (3)	Woodhouse (3)	Wilson (4)	McAusland (3)
Gray (3)	Leyden (3)	Kafka (4)		
Pirie (3)	Hughes (3)	O'Connor (4)		
Konstantinou (3)	Millman (4)	Ferris (4)		
Lindsay (3)	McLean (3)	Hogg (2)		
Niven (3)	Bennett (4)	Hermiston (5)		Ontong (5)
		Lowndes (3)		

Brisbane Lions (4-3-3)

Replacements: Soper (64m) for Pirie, McNaughton (70m) for McLean, Coyne (74m) for Leyden.

Referee: R. Lorenc — Crowd: 2,651 — Cautions: Niven, Millman.

Brisbane Lions coach Matt Carson perfectly summed up the game with a frank post-match comment in the dressing room.

"It was a dour affair," he said, "with little entertainment for the spectators."

I would disagree with one of his other comments on the match though.

Carson said the heat affected the match: "You can get used to the cold and to snow, but this heat is another thing."

However, both sides seemed full of running when they needed it, and the players looked anything but exhausted or physical wrecks at the end.

Then why wasn't there enough entertaining soccer?

DULL FARE

goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse, was called into desperate action in the 38th minute when he stretched to hold a clean header from Ferris that looked goalbound.

After the break Lions seemed ready to start applying the pressure.

Their busy right back Paul Ontong, who had never been shy to move forward in the first period, launched himself constantly into attack in the second, aided by the ever present Jim Hermiston.

Ontong's 54th minute dash past five tackles was a highlight, if only for providing light relief to the fans as the tiny defender skipped gingerly past the lunging tackle of the giant Peter Wilson.

— Paul James

chances as they did.

In the first half chances fell to both sets of strikers.

Billy Pirie — now so often derided by his own supporters that they applauded loudly when he was replaced — was not all that hopeless.

Granted, he looks far from fit. But it was he who sent in a fair percentage of the few shots on goal in the whole match.

In the 20th minute his shot ballooned well over the bar, then seven minutes later he was hurried into making a snap shot by the advancing Jim Hermiston.

Leichhardt's Socceroo

complicated their defensive worries when Danny Moulis had to limp off with a thigh muscle strain after having been on the park 10 minutes.

But out of the blue, Olympic crept back into the game when Peter Katholos took a pass from Mark Koussas and deceived Lou Kastner with his shot from outside the penalty area.

Needless to say, the Doc had the last word.

Asked what he thought of the match he said: "Not much. I thought the referee spoiled it by whistling for it to start."

— Paul Galea

PRESTON v OLYMPIC 3-1 (1-0)

Preston (4-3-3)	Kastner (3)			
Rainey (3)	Petrovski (4)	Higham (3)	Beech (3)	
Faulkner (3)	Flavell (3)	Lucchessi (4)		
Cullen (5)	Ollerton (3)	Brown (4)		
Jennings (4)	Koussas (3)	Laing (3)		
Housseini (3)	Cork (3)	Katholos (3)		
Cross (3)	Zeros (3)	Rowden (3)	Ankudinoff (4)	
		Wilson (4)		

Sydney Olympic (4-3-3)

Replacements: Moulis for Husseini (43m), Wilson for Moulis (53m), Ward for Faulkner (69m), Little for Lucchessi (85m). Goals: 1-0 Cullen (21m), 2-0 Lucchessi (49m), 2-1 Katholos (64m), 3-1 Brown (85m). Referee: E. Venios — Crowd: 3,000 (est.) — Cautions: Cross, Flavell.

Preston owe the two points as much to the team's efforts as to the drummer who stood behind the Sydney Olympic bench and drowned out Tommy Docherty's instructions to his side.

The Doc copped some unnecessary stick from Preston midfielder Gordon Flavell and also from the supporters behind the dugout but he proved he can hand it out also.

"I've got problems but I wouldn't take any of the Preston players if they gave them to me for free," he said.

"I wasn't impressed by them but then I was even less impressed by us."

PROBLEMS

The match was marred by a downfield wind but despite the lack of good football kept the supporters on their toes till the finish.

Preston were more composed and more thoughtful in their approach work.

Also, they had the more accomplished players.

Cullen on the right wing was hard to keep at bay and caused no end of trouble to the Olympic defence.

Olympic have problems and, despite the mask of bonhomie

and brave face, Docherty must be worried about his charges and the talent available to him.

Peter Ollerton who was switched to central striker from sweeper in the absence of the injured George McMillan set up the opening goal lobbing over a defender for Robert Cullen to hammer home from inside the box in the 21st minute.

Claude Lucchessi added a second after the restart netting the rebound of Ollerton's shot following a cross by Jeff Faulkner.

Meantime, Olympic

Cole thunderbolt away from goal but Wilson, again took the eye with a superb dive to a Wilkinson header that had "goal" written all over it.

Both coaches tried changes with little effect and in the end both teams settled for a point.

Not a great game but a match that proved to both coaches that they still have the apparent universal problem; they can't get the ball in the net.

It is perplexing how Canberra's potentially brilliant strikers can play so badly.

Brennan, Valeri and later replacement Giampaolo made little impact on the game.

— Jim Binnie

BRISBANE CITY v CANBERRA 0-0

Brisbane City (4-3-3)	Coe (4)			
Perry (3)	Dunne (4)	Ratcliffe (4)	B. Wilkinson (4)	
Gaffney (3)	Pimbblett (3)	Hamilton (3)		
Caldwell (2)	Wilkinson (4)	Kelso (2)		
McLaren (2)	Brennan (2)	Valeri (2)		
J. O'Shea (3)	Massa (3)	Cole (3)		
R. O'Shea (3)	Stark (4)	Byrne (3)	M. O'Shea (3)	
		Wilson (5)		

Canberra Arrows (4-3-3)

Replacements: Giampaolo (62m) for Brennan, Palinkas (66m) for Caldwell, Farrell (74m) for McLaren. Referee: D. Miles — Crowd: 2,450 — Cautions: McLaren, Gaffney.

Brisbane's weather returned to normal for this fixture but the crowd left at the end with that familiar feeling of having been cheated.

This game proved once again that the Philips League standard has reached a plateau where teams are getting reasonably well organised in defence but are sadly lacking in the truly destructive type of strikepower that sets the turnstiles clicking.

The game was not all bad in a technical sense; the dual between Paul Wilkinson, the only frontman who really looked capable of finding the target, and Wilson in the Canberra goal, who had a

truly superb afternoon, was always interesting and full of good soccer.

But really, the stars were all in defence and apart from a few isolated instances the midfielders failed to produce the consistent dominant force that is required if a team is to engineer a victory.

Tall midfielder Massa showed he has talent with a beautiful shuffle and drive that rocketed against the post but after the break he tired quickly and became just another number.

At the other end Coe also did well to turn a

defenders and even Crook.

This has brought Westad out of their shell: first Bozanic's 35-metre freekick screamed just wide, then a McGachey freekick caused panic and commotion in the City goalmouth.

Things livened up a bit in the second half mainly because the visitors went out searching for the equaliser.

In the 53rd minute Boyle's sharp shot was saved, then McGregor's diving header was parried by Pezzano.

Bozanic let yet another murderous freekick go from 30-

metres in the 72nd minute, going over the bar — and Westad's ammunition was used up.

Sydney City, meanwhile, managed to breathe some new life into a stale team.

Much to the shock of the fans, stars Boden and Watson were taken off, replaced by Silva and Patikas — and all of a sudden the team began to look the part.

Spanos, after spending the previous 88 minutes in search of a role to play, missed a sitter from a few metres that would have made the scoreline even more

flattering for City.

The only aspect of the game which could have possibly pleased the Slickers fans was the win itself.

It's clear now that coach Eddie Thomson must try some new formulas to drag his team back into peak form.

Sure, Mullen and O'Connor are badly missed from the defence — but the problem is elsewhere, mainly in the sterile and stereotyped midfield.

It seems that the sale of Stevenson wasn't, after all, such a brilliant deal as it seemed and one shudders to think where the Slickers would be without at least one established midfielder, prodigal son, Muniz.

— Andrew Detre

WEAK FRONT

SYDNEY CITY v WEST ADELAIDE 1-0 (1-0)

Sydney City (4-3-3)	Pezzano (3)			
Souness (4)	Gomez (3)	Cant (4)	Bruce (3)	
Spanos (2)	Muniz (4)	Barnes (2)		
Watson (3)	Kosmina (3)	Boden (3)		
Boyle (3)	Manecas (4)	Norris (3)		
Haig (3)	McGachey (4)	McKie (2)	McGregor (3)	
	Topaz (3)	Tymczyszyn (3)	Bozanic (4)	
		Crook (3)		

West Adelaide (4-4-2)

Replacements: Silva (61m) for Boden, Patikas (79m) for Watson, Brown (82m) for Boyle. Goal: Kosmina (39m). Referee: A. Bokovic — Crowd: 1,200 — Cautions: Kosmina, Tymczyszyn.

Even the most loyal and blue-and-white eyed Sydney City fans admitted after the match that their team may be slick but won't click.

The once breezy, easy rhythm of the team has yet to return: it's all sweat and guts now, art reduced to hard labor.

The first half hour was actually boring: Westad, with a cautious, defensive stance, built an iron cage around their goal.

City, for reasons better known to them, abandoned the wings and led their futile cavalry charges in the middle only to be repulsed.

Until the 39th minute, that is, when a measured cross by Muniz from the left was headed home by Kosmina, oddly unchallenged by the

defenders and even Crook.

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STATE LEAGUE REPORT

By Paul James



For the second State League Report we popped three testing questions to each of the 14 clubs:

- 1) Which team do you think will win the State League?
- 2) Which other teams will make the top four?
- 3) Do you think that the State League premiers should be automatically promoted to the Philips League?

Judge their answers for yourself.

CROATIA



1. Croatia's president Tony Topic was most cautious when giving his tip for the premiership.

"It will be either St. George or Croatia," he said.

"I am not prepared to give a definite answer yet."

"We are a new team, and yet we are playing very well already."

"When the team gets fully into swing, then I think we can match even St. George with all their PSL experience," Tony said.

2. Melita and Canterbury are the two other clubs Tony expects to fight out the top four competition at the end of the year.

"We have a lot of respect for both these teams," he added.

3. "Yes. The State League premiers must be admitted to the Philips League," Tony said.

"At present the State teams are in the dark as to what the future holds: will there be a reason for their continued battles to get to the top in their state leagues."

"But if it is made clear that the premiers go straight into the PSL, then I think there would be a much more determined effort by clubs with the chance of actually winning," he said.

Tony said he felt the problem of which state league champions would be promoted could be sorted out by a play-off championship.

"I'm sure it would be a crowd puller and provide some exciting soccer," he added.

PARRAMATTA

1. St. George are my tip for the State League title," said Parramatta coach Bob Wall.

"I have seen them in action and they play the sort of football needed to win our competition," he added.

2. The rest of the top four Bob sees coming from Croatia, Riverwood and Canterbury.

"Riverwood's selection may surprise some people, but I think they not only have a brilliant coach, but some talented players."

"Canterbury were very strong last year and despite last week's loss I think they will go a long way," he said.

"As for Croatia, they have bought a side that could do anything: it could win the league, or it could fall apart after a

few rounds."

3. "The winner of the State League must be screened before it is admitted to the PSL," Bob said.

"There are far too many problems to be considered for the matter to be decided purely on results."

"It is far too complicated and important an issue," Bob added.

MONARO

1. "On paper I would be tempted to go for Croatia, but I think St. George will take the title," said Inter Monaro's Joe Chiera.

"Croatia's players are better known to us in the State League, but I think that St. George's PSL experience will be the deciding factor."

2. "I can't see Melita winning the title, but I think they can make the top four," he said.

"They are basically the same unit as last year — they haven't built themselves up and this could be a mistake," Joe said.

Joe said that Canterbury looked to him to be the best bet for the fourth spot, though he added that Polonia could cause a surprise.

"Polonia will be a constant menace to the top teams."

"As for Monaro, we might be there, or there abouts," he added.

3. "The League premiers must be admitted if they want admission," he said.

"But they must meet some of the conditions."

"Let's be realistic. Some of the present PSL clubs haven't followed the guidelines to the letter."

"But there must be some sort of basic conditions," he added.

"Nearly every State League club would dearly love to be in the PSL, but they realise that at present most of them couldn't afford it, even if they did win the State League."

"But if a club wins the title and shows that it is willing to develop its commitment to the game, then they should be given a chance," Joe said.

RIVERWOOD

1. "St. George must be favourites for the title," said Riverwood's secretary Eric Smith.

"They have a brilliant coach and have retained the majority of the players they had last year in the PSL."

"As such they have a team that is battle hardened and likely to be unmatched in the State League," Eric said.

2. "I can see Riverwood there near the top at the end," he said.

"We need a few more

weeks to get into stride and then I tip the club to start moving towards the top."

"The other two clubs I predict to be in the top four are Croatia and Melita."

Eric said Croatia had brought together a powerful group of players while he felt Melita still had one of the most powerful midfielders in the League.

3. "Quite definitely, no. The State League winners should not be straight away admitted to the PSL," Eric said.

"Firstly, none of the factors that relate to a club winning the State League apply to a club in the PSL."

"You can manage in the State League on a small, carefully managed budget."

"But in the PSL you must spend if you want to get anywhere," he said.

"Also it is not really fair unless a Sydney team finishes last — but even then teams must go through a screening process," Eric said.

MELITA E.

1. "St. George are the favourites and at this stage I'm not going to dispute it," said Melita's president Emmanuel Said.

"At present they look very strong — their years in the PSL will have made them tough opponents."

"But then we all thought Olympic would be invincible as well," Emmanuel said.

2. Emmanuel said that he felt Melita would qualify for the top four, along with Croatia and Riverwood.

"I think we're still a strong team and we have just as much determination as last year."

"Croatia will be dangerous opponents, quite simply because they have bought a large number of players with top experience."

"And Riverwood...well we know how Atti operates and we still have a lot of respect for him," Emmanuel said.

3. "We must eventually fall in line with the rest of the soccer world in relation to promotion and relegation."

"The State League premiers — the winners of the league — must be given the opportunity to enter the PSL," he said.

"They should be offered the place, and then it should be up to them to decide whether they have the finances to enter the PSL," Emmanuel said.

"They shouldn't be forced, but there must be some incentive for all teams to aim for," Emmanuel said.

4. "I think we have a hot, young side this year," said Sutherland secretary Laurie Haynes, "and it wouldn't surprise me if we won the title."

5. "St. George, Croatia and Melita will — or rather — should be there."

"I have my doubts about Melita," Laurie said.

"We need a few more

"I don't think they have prepared enough to try and retain their title."

3. The screening system that is at present in operation must be retained," Laurie said.

"I have never been a devotee of the current promotion and relegation system."

"I think it places undue stress and strain on clubs and draws their attention away from developing the club as a whole to the first grade team alone."

"The PSL is that situation multiplied several times: clubs need to be well run and have a future to be successful in the PSL."

"The ASF should retain the present system, and possibly even toughen it up — after all, there have been some instances of clubs not meeting all the requirements, yet still gaining admission," he said.

4. "Polonia president Mike Kordok feels that St. George is the team to beat."

"They must win outright favouritism because of the past four years in the PSL," he said.

5. "He said that Polonia was aiming for a top four position."

"When we gained promotion we were determined to just do well in our first year back up," he said.

"But now we realise that it won't take all that much more effort if we want to actually achieve some success this season."

"I think that along with Polonia, Croatia and Melita will make up the final four."

"Croatia I am certain of — they have a strong side, probably second only to the Saints."

"I select Melita because they won the title last year, but I am not so certain they can again do as well," Mike said.

3. "Definitely no. There should not be automatic promotion for the State League champions."

"I think one of the prime reasons against such a move is that already there are five Sydney teams in the PSL."

"The clubs are all killing each other for crowds."

"It would be suicidal to introduce another Sydney team."

"Even if a Sydney team finished last, they should still think about keeping the number down rather than replacing that side," Mike said.

4. "The clubs are all killing each other for crowds."

"They must have sound financial backing and the prospect of good crowd support," Mike said.

5. "But the fates to become involved in the development of the league."

"We must go for clubs that are progressive off the field as well as on it," he said.

AUBURN

1. St. George is the tip of an Auburn spokesman.

"Croatia's team is not ready for a big battle — it is very much a mixture in a melting pot, while Melita won't be as strong as last year," he said.

2. "Auburn will be in the top four again."

"We have a strengthened side and our so called veteran players are playing better than ever."

"Croatia will probably be able to make the top four, but I don't think Melita will."

"I tend to think that Riverwood or Avala have a better chance."

"Abonyi needs a little

time to get Riverwood going, and Avala should be able to pick up where they left off last year," he said.

3. The promotion and relegation system needs to be altered according to the Auburn spokesman.

"The present system should be retained, but needs to be modified."

"At present it is open to personal prejudices and biases."

"This has to be somehow removed so that only the important facts like will the club help develop soccer should be considered," he said.

4. "What order the teams will finish in is more difficult to say."

"I will be happy with a top four place," Kaz said.

5. "It is a very difficult and very passion ridden question," he said.

"But you have to be realistic."

"Qualifying for the PSL is not just done on the playing field."

"A team must have a club ready to put big money behind it."

"There must be some form of screening committee for entry into the PSL," Kaz added.

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CANTERBURY

1. Canterbury coach John Xipolitas said that his tip for the title was St. George.

"It will be their experience that will see them through," he said.

"I can't see Croatia winning yet — they need time to rebuild thoroughly."

2. John said that Polonia was aiming for a top four position.

"When we gained promotion we were determined to just do well in our first year back up," he said.

"But now we realise that it won't take all that much more effort if we want to actually achieve some success this season."

"I think that along with Polonia, Croatia and Melita will make up the final four."

3. John said that Canterbury would join the Saints in the top four.

"Although Croatia won't win it, they will be tough to beat in the final four series, while Melita is still a strong club with a strong team."

"As for ourselves, we did well in the pre-season and then lost last week," John said.

"But I think we can still get up into the higher regions of the league table," he added.

3. John said the Canterbury team must aim in the long term to eventually make promotion and relegation an automatic affair with the state leagues.

4. John said that Canterbury would join the Saints in the top four.

"But he said that at present there was too much at stake to allow the fates to become involved in the development of the league."

"We must go for clubs that are progressive off the field as well as on it," he said.

BANKSTOWN

1. St. George must be red hot favourites," said a Bankstown spokesman.

"Their playing strength

and coaching staff looks too strong for the top teams in the State League.

"But then we also said that about Sydney Olympic last year," he added.

2. "We at Bankstown are realistic," he said.

"We don't expect to be in the top four this year, but will definitely work towards building a side that can get us there next season."

"This year I see Canterbury once again occupying the top positions," he added.

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AMPOL CUP

GROUP A

Melita	2	—	2	—	4	4	2
Woll.	2	—	2	—	2	2	2
Manly	1	—	1	—	2	2	1
N.Syd	1	—	1	—	1	1	1

GROUP B

Croat.	1	1	—	—	5	—	2
St.G.	1	—	—	4	2	2	2
Rwd	1	—	—	1	2	4	2
Parra.	1	—	—	1	—	5	—

GROUP C

C'bry	1	1	—	—	6	1	2
B'twn	2	1	—	1	3	7	2
Fry.M.	1	—	—	1	—	2	—
M'aro	2	—	—	2	1	4	—

GROUP D

P'lnia	2	2	—	—	7	3	4
S'Ind	2	1	—	—	6	3	3
A'b'm	2	—	1	2	5	1	—
Avala	2	—	—	2	4	8	—

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North Sydney's coach PHIL BOTTALICO is now out of hospital and on the road to full recovery after his operation for appendicitis. Phil left the coaching duties of the first team in the very able hands of ARCHIE BLUE, but said this week he hoped to be back in action within a fortnight.

Croatia have signed former PARRAMATTA goalkeeper IAN BARKER as their reserve keeper for the season.

Sutherland's talented young striker PAUL BUSH is back in training with the club and is already showing his sparkling form that has impressed many critics. Paul played in Sutherland's reserve grade side against Monaro last week and capped the occasion with a fine hattrick.

GROUP E

Croat.	1	1	—	—	6	1	2
B'twn	2	1	—	1	3	7	2
Fry.M.	1	—	—	1	—	2	—
M'aro	2	—	—	2	1	4	—

GROUP F

P'lnia	2	2	—	—	7	3	4
S'Ind	2	1	—	—	6	3	3
A'b'm	2	—	1	2	5	1	—
Avala	2	—	—	2	4	8	—

GROUP G

Parramatta coach BOB WALL has signed former St.George, Sutherland and Ku-ring-gai striker JIMMY HERRON in an effort to bring some stability to the Magpie's midfield. Bob says Jimmy has been training solidly for three weeks and has shown great dedication to get fully fit.

Stanley is of Indian descent. He is also a former Fijian international.

Melita have re-signed STEVE VERVERIS to the club after Steve spent last year with St.George. Before he left for the Saints, Steve spent three years with Melita.

Melita caused a minor stir last week when they signed HECTOR MARTINEZ from Auburn. Martinez has been playing well for the green and golds this year after being a valuable asset last season. He was placed on the transfer list, but was reportedly taken off it a few weeks ago. Melita stepped in and offered \$1,400 for him and now the Argentine striker is with the Eagles.

NSW STATE LEAGUE

The expected happened last week, with St.George confirming their favouritism for the State League title by crushing Avala in a 6-1 mauling.

The round was full of surprises, with Manly causing an upset over Canterbury and Polonia raising a few eyebrows with their win over the highly respected North Sydney.

Big spenders Croatia and champions Melita weren't really expected to find much trouble, but Riverwood hoped they would be ready to throw out a challenge by the early rounds of the competition.

This week the match of the round is undoubtedly the Melita-Croatia clash at Everley Park.

The champions versus the former champions: a classic match that should pack the ground out, as both clubs have some of the most loyal fans in the State.

At this stage Croatia look the more psyched up team: whether they can last has yet to be seen.

But in this match we tip them to win narrowly: Croatia 2-1.

Riverwood have a chance to get among the goals in their match against Parramatta at Garside Park if they play their cards right.

Parramatta aren't the pushovers everyone makes them out to be, but they still have a tendency to collapse if an early goal is scored and things don't work out for them.

Riverwood are still settling their side down, but with Abonyi at the helm they cannot be written off.

Riverwood 2-0.

Sutherland are hoping for a good year: they started well against Monaro and should beat Bankstown as well.

Their young side has been together longer than Bankstown's unit and should have too much experience.

We tip Sutherland 2-1.

Avala and Monaro suffered morale crushing defeats last week, and the question is which can recover in time.

Avala's was undoubt-

edly the worse of the two, but they look fitter and more prepared to knuckle down at this stage.

Monaro are still struggling to get wound up and we see Avala taking the points, but only just.

Avala 1-0.

Manly will be definitely out for another giant killing act this week, but we fear that the Saints may be a little too far above their reach.

It is highly unlikely that Arok will allow any complacency in the St.George team.

He has set them one task: win the State League and get the club back in PSL and it looks like Manly will be crushed in the process.

We tip Saints 3-0.

Auburn will take on Polonia without really knowing what to expect.

CANTERBURY v MANLY 2-3 (2-1)

Manly totally controlled the first 30 minutes of play through their speed and mobility and the superb control and distribution of their new English midfielder Peter Falconer.

Against a defence which was always slow to the ball and aimless in its build-up, Manly pressed continually and went to a well-deserved lead in the 19th minute through Dale.

The introduction of Lakis Georgiou as a substitute in the 30th minute immediately transformed Canterbury and they began to forage for the ball instead of allowing their opponents the time and room to dictate play.

In the 32nd minute Ross Brown volleyed home the equaliser and five minutes later Georgiou put Canterbury into the lead when he drove a 25-metre shot past the unsighted Manly goalkeeper.

In the 67th minute Dudley Fox

POLONIA v N.S. INTER 2-1 (1-0)

In conditions more suitable for a day at the beach Polonia scored a first up win over North Sydney Inter.

Fullback Colin Harris put Polonia into the lead two minutes before halftime, moving well forward into his opponents penalty area before taking a pass and scoring a good goal from six metres.

North Sydney were back on level terms soon after halftime when Shane Wilson burst down the right and sent over a deep cross which Robbie Youssef headed into the net.

In the 78th minute, Stan Lemanczyk made a nice run down the right wing before crossing to the onrushing Gary Noble, who

Alex McMillan and John McDonald marshalled an Auburn defence which on the day was too well drilled for the Parramatta attack.

PARRAMATTA v AUBURN 0-1 (0-0)

Parramatta City, who avoided relegation by inches last year, tried hard but the heat and continual defending from a quick

running very young attack took its toll.

In the 75th minute Rod Brown first timed a dropping ball from a goalmouth scrimmage into the corner past keeper Dennis Donovan.

For Parramatta, midfielder Peter Roden and defender Craig McMillan were the best and Rod Brown, Chris Quigley and Alex McMillan stood out for Auburn.

We tip Auburn 1-0.

Norths play the shell-shocked Canterbury this weekend.

The Berries must still be shaking their heads in disbelief: they allowed Manly to come from behind and steal the points last week.

But Canterbury are a polished side, despite their depletions and will still be tough customers.

Norths are much the same as last year — a tough package.

Another draw is tipped here: 2-2.

CANTERBURY v MANLY 2-3 (2-1)

Manly back on equal terms with a crashing volley from 30-metres and eight minutes later Fox again scored and an equally fierce drive was deflected off a Canterbury defender into the net.

CANTERBURY: El Zein 3, Kable 3, Lane 3, Karaspiros 3, Barton 2, Basterfield 3 (Binos 60m), Gill (Georgiou 4, 30m), Williams 4, Brown 3, Thamnides 3, Andrieu 2.

Goals: 0-1 Vale (19m), 1-1 Brown (31m), 2-1 Georgiou (37m), 2-2 Fox (67m), 2-3 Fox (75m). Referee: W. Phelps — Crowd: 700. — Roger Dewick

MANLY: Dower 3, K. Falconer 4, Doyle 4, Kramer 2, Hiscock 2 (Geoghegan 52m), P. Falconer 6, Jack 3, Fox 4, Reagan 3, Vale 4, Stewart 5.

Goals: 0-1 Vale (19m), 1-1 Brown (31m), 2-1 Georgiou (37m), 2-2 Fox (67m), 2-3 Fox (75m). Referee: W. Phelps — Crowd: 700. — Roger Dewick

INTER MONARO v SUTHERLAND 0-2 (0-1)

A goal in each half by Sutherland gave the Sydney team victory over an unlucky Monaro.

Sutherland took the lead in the 24th minute when striker Tony Bush cheated down a throw-in to score a goal against the run of play.

Monaro suffered a further setback when Sutherland was awarded a penalty kick just 30 seconds into the second half which Nigel Groome converted to virtually end Monaro's hopes.

Even so, Monaro attacked strongly for the rest of the game and Sutherland can thank some excellent goalkeeping by Haynes

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AMPOL CUP

SUTHERLAND v AVALA 5-2 (1-0)

Sutherland played with the handicap of only 10 men in the second half yet still defeated Avala 5-2. Sutherland took the lead in the 18th minute when Tony Murphy crossed the ball from the right for Andy Connor to head home a fine goal.

Right on halftime Sutherland received a setback when Connor was sent from the field after receiving an earlier caution.

Following the break Avala lifted their game and scored in the 54th minute with a 20-metre shot by Niti Nitya followed soon after by a goal from Eddie Patterson.

Suddenly Sutherland stormed back and in a devastating 14-minute spell, they scored four times.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes 4, Cashman 4, Hesford 3, Donnelly 3, Dal Forno 4, Groome 3, Connor 1, (sent off), Watkins 4, T. Bush 5, Wilson 2 (R. Schumann 50m), Murphy 3.

AVALA: Wotton 3, Lembryk 4, Deller 4, Scharfegger 4, Pilovski 3, Bateman 3 (Patterson 45m), Djurisic 2 (Ruiz 83m), Samuels 3, Tilt 3, Nitya 4, Gogic 3.

Goals: 1-0 Connor (18m), 1-1 Nitya (54m), 1-2 Patterson (59m), 2-2 Pilovski (63m), 3-2 Bush (70m), 4-2 Bush (74m), 5-2 Bush (77m).

Referee: T. Boskovic — **Crowd:** 609 (double header)

POLONIA v AUBURN 4-1(1-1)

Three second half goals gave Polonia a surprisingly comfortable 4-1 victory.

Polonia went to an early lead in the sixth minute when Auburn's young goalkeeper Dean Dehaag was slow to come off his line and allowed Grahame Sookee to reach a loose ball first and put under him and into the net.

In the 34th minute Auburn equalised with a controversial goal; striker Denis Daley appeared to be standing offside when he received the ball but referee Richard Lorenc waved play on and the unmarked Daly ran through and was untroubled in placing his shot wide of the keeper.

Polonia went to a well deserved lead in the 61st minute when Gary Noble finished off from close range after some clever work on the edge of the penalty area by Wojtek Nowak.

Three minutes later Polonia increased their lead when Dehaag dropped a fierce drive from Nowak and Stan Lemanceyk picked up the rebound and slipped the ball into the net.

In the 73rd minute Lemanceyk crossed the ball from wide on the right and three Auburn defenders failed to clear it, allowing Ricky Budini to flick the ball home from close range for the fourth goal.

POLONIA: Bonicci 2 (Simone 3, 44m), Harris 2, Zounis 2, Crothers 3, Budini 3, Noble 2, Lemanceyk 4, Sookee 2, Wiszniewski 3, Nowak 3, Jierzka 2.

AUBURN: De Haag 2, McRaney 2, McCannor 3, Prgomejia 2, McMillan 2, McDonald 3, Quigley 3, Leak 2, Brown 3, Daley 3, Gibson 2.

Goals: 1-0 Sookee (6m), 1-1 Daley (34m), 2-1 Noble (61m), 3-1 Lemanceyk (64m), 4-1 Budini (73m).

Referee: R. Lorenc — **Crowd:** 1,500 (double header).

MELITA v WOLLONGONG UTD. 2-2 (0-1)

The 1980 State Premiers Melita salvaged a point in this clash with first division team Wollongong only through a late goal by Vic Gauci.

Wollongong took the lead three minutes before the interval when Ray Giraldi beat Terry Greedy to the ball after a floating free kick from the edge of the penalty area and headed it into the corner of the net.

Disaster struck Melita only 60 seconds after the restart when defender Paul Thompson screwed a bad back pass around his own goalkeeper into the net.

Peter Giraldi hit the Melita bar in the 66th minute but in the 60th minute Thompson atoned for his blunder when he crashed a deflected drive into the Wollongong net.

Melita then began to press for the equaliser but persisted in pushing through the middle and crowding themselves out of opportunities.

With five minutes remaining Melita's substitute Vic Gauci finally broke the Wollongong defence with a superb goal. He collected the ball 25 metres from goal and drove a thunderous left foot angle drive into the far top corner of the net.

MELITA: Greedy 3, McCoy 2, Darvill 2, P. Daley 3, P. Thompson 3, Stoddart 3, G. Falzon 3 (Cabon 70m), Berry 4, Allan 3, (Gauci 58m), Farrugia 4, Ross 3.

WOLLONGONG: P. Terziovski 3, I. Talevski 3, R. Sattin 2, Davkovski 3, Petkovski 2, Campbell 2, Ma Naumovski 2, H. Sattin 3, R. Giraldi 3, M. Terziovski 2, P. Giraldi 3.

Goals: 0-1 Giraldi (42m), 0-2 Thompson (o.g. 46m), 1-2 Thompson (60m), 2-2 Gauci (85m).

Referee: P. Rampley — **Crowd:** 1,500 (Double header)

BANKSTOWN v MONARO 2-1 (2-0)

Bankstown had their first win in the Ampol Cup with this close win over Monaro.

Inter Monaro presented Bankstown with a gift goal in the fifth minute when Joe Arquero chipped a 35-metre backpass over the head of his goalkeeper Gina Caputo into the net.

Mauro Valeri had a good opportunity to equalise for Monaro in the 18th minute but his eight metre header went over the bar.

Three minutes before halftime Bankstown increased their lead when John Beater headed in from a corner kick.

Monaro seemed unable to pierce the Bankstown defence but they, too, were presented with a goal in the 66th minute when Chris Rootsey headed past his own goalkeeper from 10 metres.

BANKSTOWN: Lachowicz 3, Beveridge 3, Rootsey 3, Amos 3, Greg Lynch 4, Rea 3, Peck 3, Glen Lynch 3, Nocera 2, Ferguson 2, Beater 4.

INTER MONARO: Caputo 3, Crawford 3, Charles 3, Noble 4, Francis 3, Valeri 3, (Palombi 85m), Arquero 2, Santolin 3, Link 3, Heywood 4, Colberaldo 2 (Sheridan 64m).

Goals: 1-0 Arquero (o.g. 5m), 2-0 Beater (42m), 2-1 Rootsey (o.g. 66m).

Referee: D. Rennie — **Crowd:** 609 (double header)

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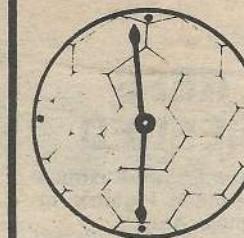
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Well, you can see them and others in action again on Saturday, March 7.

The Hungarian Old Fellows of Sydney and Brisbane will meet in a friendly re-union, at Barton Park.

The Sydney team will also include Frank Lang, Ilya Takac, Attila Abonyi, "Kalacs" and possibly Andy Saghy while the Brisbane side will have Julius Vincze, Bukkos and some other well known names.



2 TO 6

IN NSW FEDERATION

With Val Hokin and Emmanuel Kanna.

Artarmon (3rd div.) has appointed Tommy Gallaway as their new coach for 1981. Tommy a Scot, is not a stranger to Artarmon as he was a player for the club five years ago, before moving to Melbourne. There, Tommy was involved in soccer and obtained his certificate of coaching. Artarmon has started its training and is scheduled to play trial games against Concordia, Yagoona, Maroubra, Bondi Marine and Ryde District.

Paddington Spanish (4th div.) is starting the season with a few changes. The new senior coach will be Conrado Gonzales and the second grade will be looked after by Julio Quentero. Paddington have also obtained the services of Emmanuel Isaac, a striker who has been with Bonnyrigg Eagles for the last six years.

Eastern Creek Nametira (3rd div.), with the departure to Edensor Park of John Jancek has appointed Dave Bertenshaw as the senior coach. Dave, in the past, played for Blacktown Utd. and was coach for Riverstone two seasons ago. Another new appointment in the club is that of Director of Juniors (five teams this year) and the new appointee is Gred Juhn.

West Holroyd (4th div.) has finally been notified that West Guildford Sports Ground will be the home ground for the new season.

Kingsford (3rd div.) new coach is Stan Foster. In the past he played for APIA and also coached Bondi Marine. Last season Stan was with Kur-ring-gai as coach.

Dee Why (2nd div.) will stage a Gala Day on Sunday, March 8, at Dee Why Oval with the Umbro Cup Round 3 match as the main event. They will also have at 11.45pm, Past Players v Ladies Team — 12.30pm and 2nd Grade Match — 2.30pm Pipe Band entertainment, 3pm the Umbro Cup match — against Riverstone — Schofield.

Maccabi (5th div.) have appointed Roy Lodge (past first div. player) as first grade coach with Sam Skurnik taking up the second grade position. The club has made several new signings: David Leavy, defender from NSW U-16 team on loan from Sydney City, Bradley Shofar, forward from Sth.Africa, Dimitri Karilevick, winger from Sydney City, Aaron Muscink, midfielder from Uni of NSW. Playing the early game to the PSL match, Sydney City v West Adelaide, Maccabi defeated West Ryde Rovers 3-0 with goals from Brad Shofar, David Tuffie and Mike Swibek.

Umbro Cup Round 2 Results: North Ryde (1) def. Bonnyrigg Eagles (0); Mt. Druitt Town (4) def. Riverstone-Schofields (0); Baulkham Hills (1) def. Marrickville (0); Lane Cove (1) def. Dee Why (0); Campbelltown City (5) def. Queens Park (0); Gladesville-Hornsby (2) def. Liverpool Albion (0). In Mt. Druitt's match against Riverstone-Schofields the first goal came in the 35th min. when a good cross from Peter Kerrigan enabled John Janson to score. Midway through the second half defender, Roy Kimber put a long

shot past the keeper for Town's second goal.

Eric Hedges topped off a good game by capitalising on a back pass for the third goal, then young Graeme Lomas scored a few minutes later.

Gladesville-Hornsby defeated a disappointing Liverpool Albion 2-0 last Sunday.

From the start Gladesville exploited Liverpool's weakness in midfield but despite their dominance, never really threatened Albion's goal.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Manly v Wollongong 6.45pm
Melita v North Sydney 8.30pm
(Seymour Shaw)

Riverwood v Parramatta 6.45pm
St. George v Croatia 8.30pm
(St. George Stadium)

STATE LEAGUE

THIS WEEK

Croatia v Melita, Sun., King Tomislav
Parramatta v Riverwood, Sun., Garside Park
Sutherland v Bankstown, Sun., Seymour
Avila v Inter Monaro, Sun., Knight Park
Manly v St. George, Sun., Cromer Park
Auburn v Polonia, Sun., to be advised
Nth. Syd. Int. v Canterbury, Sun., Nth. Syd. Ov.

DIVISION ONE

Fairy Meadow v Bathurst '75, Sun., Police Boys
Revesby v Uni of NSW, Sun., Milperra Res.
Wollongong v Blacktown, Sun., Berkeley Sports
Nth. Bankstown v Warringah, Sun., Potts Park
Belmore v Guildford, Sun., Francis Park
SSC Yugal v Penrith Utd., Sun., Concord Oval
Kuringai v Gladesville Rav., Sat., Cromer

NEXT WEEK

Croatia v Sutherland, Sun., King Tomislav
Riverwood v Melita, Sat., Garside Park
Bankstown v Avila, Sun., Soccer Centre
Inter Monaro v Manly Warr., Sun., Marco Polo
St. George v Nth. Syd. Int., Sun., St. George Stad
Canterbury v Auburn, Sun., Arlington
Parramatta v Polonia, Sun., Garside Park

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FROM THE PRESS BOX

The sad thing about our soccer is that we keep repeating our own mistakes and follies. It's all so terribly *deja vu*.

Take the current crisis about the citizenship of Ken Boden and John Yzendoorn, both probably ineligible to represent Australia.

It was all so predictable that something like this would happen again. And again.

We had a similar hoopla in 1965 when the team went to Phnom-Penh to play North Korea.

Four years later FIFA had to arbitrate in a dispute in Seoul when the South Koreans claimed (rightly) that several of the Australian players were travelling with British passports.

Then who will forget the circus with Jim Tansey in 1977 in Fiji when team manager Vic Tuting had to keep flying with him from Nadi to Suva and back trying to have him naturalised at the Australian consulate two days before our World Cup match with Taiwan.

Now Boden and Yzendoorn. So what's new?

It's hard to understand for a simple bystander like myself why the ASF doesn't keep a more accurate tab on these matters.

We even have a World Cup committee, ostensibly set up to look after the affairs of the Socceroos — yet these goofs...

Instead of a committee, it would be much better to have one man entrusted with the administration of the Socceroos team and players — manager, for short.

This person would have no other task or responsibility but to keep in touch with the Socceroos squad members, arrange their travels, documents, payments, compensations, etc.

We have quite a few able administrators in Sydney who, for a modest stipend, would be happy and capable of doing all this.

It's a very false economy on the part of the ASF not to appoint such a manager.

I don't blame Rudi Gutendorf for his lack of local know-how; I do blame his friends and advisers for not enlightening him sufficiently and professionally about matters relating to our past.

Rudi keeps bragging about the many young talent which he has brought to the surface; it always reads as if he had done something unique and revolutionary.

It's time somebody told him about the large number of talented youngsters produced in the 1950s, 1960s and even 1970s.

Has Rudi ever heard of the legendary "Canterbury Kids" which, under the care of Joe Vlasits, became the best ever "local" team in Australian soccer?

Has he been told of the skill, exuberance and success of the team which had such teenagers as John Watkiss, John and Geoff Warren, Brian Smith, Ron Corry, Jimmy Moore, Bruce Young and several others?

Or has he ever heard of other teenagers such as Westwater, Manuel, Baartz, Abonyi, Vojtek, Perin, and some more who all played for Australia — and regularly, too — at a younger age than Sharne, Jankovics and others?

Actually, Gutendorf's boasts about "youth" reveal his lack of knowledge of Australian conditions.

Those who have observed the scene carefully over the years know that we never had trouble finding exciting young players — the problem was keeping them after their mid-20s.

To boast that we have talented and promising 18 or 20-year-olds is just as silly as ABC commentator Ron May's annual hysteria that a girl, 14, has established a new swimming record.

Girls at 20 are long retired — so of course it's the 13 and 14-year-olds who are at the top, who else?

I venture to go a step further: many, if not most, of our locally produced players are better at 18 or 20 than they are at 26.

There have been only a handful of exceptions to this pattern and, if Rudi stays here long enough, he will see it for himself, too.

During an interview last week in another soccer publication, Rudi Gutendorf was quoted as saying that he wants no World Cup matches to be played in Sydney, only in Melbourne and Canberra.

"In Sydney we have problems...I am not interested in Sydney...they treat us very bad there..."

So, he said, he would ask the ASF to schedule all World Cup matches for Melbourne or Canberra.

I hope the ASF tells Rudi where to get off. Surely we have not yet reached the stage when a coach is allowed to make policy decisions.

The fact is it's not the Socceroos who are having problems in Sydney but Gutendorf. And no wonder, the way he carries on.

Luckily, the ASF has more sense than to accept such crazy suggestions from Gutendorf and lose tens of thousands of dollars in revenue.

From which, we may add, Rudi is paid.

REFS NEEDED

Referees in Australia are banded together in two major groups.

One could loosely be called "the professional body", the Australian Soccer Referee's Federation and the other, "the amateur body", the Affiliated Australian Soccer Referees' Federation.

Both bodies work together under the control of an Australian Congress and each is responsible for its own games, professional or amateur.

Whilst the ASRF receives a great deal of help in sponsorship, the amateur ranks are not so fortunate, even though they are responsible for the needs of 90,000 players in NSW as their 1,500 members control games each weekend throughout the State.

Many of the top referees controlling PSL and NSW Federation games had their start with the amateur body.

Finding enough recruits to meet the ever increasing growth of soccer is a major problem and new members are welcome.

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SPIDER'S NET

With Allan Maher

Without sounding like a typical whinger, I want to mention that in the past three weeks we had to encounter some of the most unusual weather conditions.

The first week it was the incredible heat, the second week a mudbath and this week, in Adelaide, gale force winds with torrential rain.

Still, against Adelaide City, we showed that the lapses of the past few weeks are well and truly behind us.

True, Adcity were handicapped when Johnny Perin was sent off in the first half but this is not always an advantage for the opponents.

I read with interest last week comments about Australia's youth policies.

Sadly enough, it does apply to many clubs. But not to Marconi.

Last Sunday of the 14-man squad only one player can be classified as an import while the other 13 are all local products.

Sharne, Brogan, Tomasich, Mariani, Byrne, Colusso and Cauldron all learned their soccer in Sydney's southern districts and joined Marconi as juniors.

Jankovics and myself played in the Granville district, Corry and Raskopoulos in the Canterbury district, Degney in St. George and Krnecovic with Essendon Croatia's juniors.

Tony Henderson is the only exception: he played all his junior soccer in the UK.

Of course, I must add that we didn't have the suspended Prskalo and Muir with us for the trip.

I know you don't get any prizes for such a feat but it may give the thousands of kids playing soccer in the local parks on Saturdays the encouragement they need to go after success.

Some Phillips League clubs may be creating a bad image for the game in some cities...



On our arrival in Adelaide last Saturday, the hotel management told our secretary Milorad Urukalo that the team would be accommodated in premises away from the main hotel.

When asked why, he explained this was because of the past behaviour of some of the teams, forcing the hotel to make "alternative arrangements" for all PSL teams.

After an inspection of this "alternative" that was offered, then a few harsh words from Urukalo, we were transferred back to the main hotel...

Training at Marconi this week will be certainly no place for the fainthearted.

Coach Raul Blanco is now in the difficult position about his team selection for Sunday.

He will have to make a decision whom to play in the middle of the defence.

Henderson and Mariani played very well in Adelaide yet Muir and Prskalo had done nothing wrong to warrant their continued spelling.

We also have Paul Degney pressing hard for a return to the side.

One thing is for sure: all players will be wearing shinpads at training this week.

After Sunday's game a local reporter asked Blanco for a comment. In his typical fashion he said only one word — his favorite in Spanish-English: "Fun-tush-tich."

LAST WEEK

STATE LEAGUE

	I	II	III
St.Geo. v Avala	6-1	4-0	5-1
Monaro v S'Land	0-2	0-5	—
Croatia v R'wood	3-1	1-0	2-2
B'lawn v Melita	1-3	0-1	4-4
C'bury v Manly	2-3	1-0	0-3
Polonia v N.Syd.	2-1	0-1	1-0
Pimatta v Auburn	0-1	0-0	0-6

FIRST DIVISION

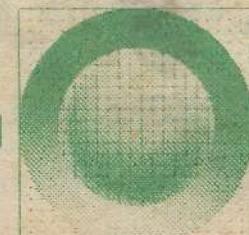
Bath'st v Revesby	2-1	2-3	0-2
B'lawn v Frys.Mdw.	1-0	0-2	0-4
Warr. v Woll.Utd.	0-2	1-2	0-4
G'ford v Nth.B'twn	2-0	2-2	3-2
G'ville v Belmonte	0-0	2-1	2-2
Penrith v Kuringal	0-1	0-1	1-4
Uni NSW v Yugal	0-1	0-2	1-6

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